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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A disengageable ski binding having a standing and/or carrying plate provided as a standing surface for a ski boot and arranged on a base part mounted or ~~securely~~ secured firmly on the ski, said standing and/or carrying plate being ~~base part~~ rotatable about a vertical axis of the base part, counter to an adjustable resistance of a first latching device, and said standing and/or carrying plate ~~base part~~ having disengageable front and rear boot and/or sole holders arranged on the standing and/or carrying plate, said ~~base part having a use position~~ front and rear boot and/or sole holders being interactable in a form-fitting manner with mating surfaces or elements on the boot and/or boot sole, said surfaces or elements firmly fixable on the standing and/or carrying plate, the rear sole holders being adjustable into a release position counter to the adjustable resistance of a second latching arrangement separate from the first latching device without any lifting of the standing and/or carrying plate, the standing and/or carrying plate not establishing a clearance for rotation when the rear sole holders are adjusted in the release position to prevent dirt to be present between the standing and/or carrying plate and a ski boot sole, ~~[[or]]~~ the front boot and/or sole holders being lockable within a predetermined angle-of-rotation region of the standing and/or carrying plate, at least essentially without affecting the resistance of the first latching device, and ~~[[are]]~~ being unlocked outside the region of rotation.

2. (currently amended) The ski binding as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rear sole holders are disengageable only in the vertical direction.

3. (currently amended) ~~[[The]]~~ A disengageable ski binding as claimed in claim 1,
~~wherein the~~ having a standing and/or carrying plate [(5)] provided as a standing surface for a
ski boot and arranged on the base part [(2)] mounted or secured firmly on the ski, said standing
and/or carrying plate being rotatable about a vertical axis of the base part, counter to an
adjustable resistance of a first latching device and said standing and/or carrying plate having
disengageable front and rear boot and/or sole holders arranged on the standing and/or carrying
plate, said front and rear boot and/or sole holders being interactable in a form-fitting manner with
mating surfaces or elements on the boot and/or boot sole, said surfaces or elements firmly fixable
on the standing and/or carrying plate, the rear sole holders being adjustable into a release
position counter to the adjustable resistance of a second latching arrangement separate from the
first latching device, the front boot, and/or sole holders being lockable within a predetermined
angle-of-rotation region of the standing and/or carrying plate, at least essentially without
affecting the resistance of the first latching device, and being unlocked outside the region of
rotation, the standing and/or carrying plate [(5)] on the base part [(2) is]] being assigned a
moment support (41) by means of which for converting torques which act acting on the standing
and/or carrying plate [(5)] in respect of a transverse axis are converted into torques in respect of
the vertical axis of the standing and/or carrying plate [(5)], which assist for assisting the
standing and/or carrying plate [(5)] to rotate further about the vertical axis, as soon as the
standing and/or carrying plate leaves a central position, or a central position region, with rotation
about its vertical axis.

4. (original) The ski binding as claimed in claim 3, wherein the moment support is effective when the skier falls in the forward direction.

5. (previously presented) The ski binding as claimed in claim 3, wherein the moment support is effective when the skier falls in the rearward direction.

6. (currently amended) The ski binding as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rear boot and/or sole holders have a latchable release position, ~~from which they can be adjusted~~ the rear boot and/or sole holders being adjustable when in the latchable release position into the use position, when the skier steps into the binding, by interaction with at least one stop on the boot.

7. (previously presented) The ski binding as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rear boot and/or sole holders are assigned a manually actuatable actuating lever.

8. (currently amended) The ski binding as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rear boot and/or sole holders ~~can be pivoted~~ are pivotable about a transverse axis.

9. (currently amended) ~~[[The]] A disengageable ski binding as claimed in claim 1,~~ wherein having a standing and/or carrying plate provided as a standing surface for a ski boot and arranged on a base part mounted or secured firmly on the ski, said standing and/or carrying plate being rotatable about a vertical axis of the base part, counter to an adjustable resistance of a first latching device, and said standing and/or carrying plate having disengageable front and rear boot and/or sole holders arranged on the standing and/or carrying plate, the front boot and/or sole holders [[are]] being arranged to be ~~can be pivoted~~ pivotable about essentially horizontal longitudinal axes and interactable in a form-fitting manner with mating surfaces or elements on the boot and/or boot sole, said surfaces or elements firmly fixable on the standing and/or carrying plate, the rear sole holders being adjustable into a release position counter to the adjustable resistance of a second latching arrangement separate from the first latching device, the front boot and/or sole holders being lockable within a predetermined angle-of-rotation region of the standing and/or carrying plate, at least essentially without affecting the resistance of the first latching device, and being unlocked outside the region of rotation.

10. (currently amended) ~~[[The]] A disengageable ski binding as claimed claim 1,~~ wherein having a standing and/or carrying plate provided as a standing surface for a ski boot and

arranged on a base part mounted or secured firmly on the ski, said standing and/or carrying plate rotatable about a vertical axis of the base part, counter to an adjustable resistance of a first latching device, and said standing and/or carrying plate having disengageable front and rear boot and/or sole holders arranged on the standing and/or carrying plate, the front boot and/or sole holders being arranged to be pivotable such that they can be pivoted about essentially vertical axes and interactable in a form-fitting manner with mating surfaces or elements on the boot and/or boot sole, said surfaces or elements firmly fixable on the standing and/or carrying plate, the rear sole holders being adjustable into a release position counter to the adjustable resistance of a second latching arrangement separate from the first latching device, and the front boot and/or sole holders being lockable within a predetermined angle-of-rotation region of the standing and/or carrying plate, at least essentially without affecting the resistance of the first latching device, and being unlocked outside the region of rotation.

11. (currently amended) ~~[[The]]~~ A disengageable ski binding as claimed in claim 1,
~~wherein the~~ having a standing and/or carrying plate provided as a standing surface for a ski boot
and arranged on a base part mounted or secured firmly on the ski, said base part [[is]] being a
base part plate bearing the standing and/or carrying plate connected at the front end to a bearing
part mounted mountable or fitted firmly firmly fittable on the ski, and being pivotable about a
transverse ski axis, and arrested firmly arrestable on the ski at the rear end by means of a further
bearing part, said standing and/or carrying plate being rotatable about a vertical axis of the base
part, counter to an adjustable resistance of a first latching device, and said standing and/or
carrying plate having disengageable front and rear boot and/or sole holders arranged on the
standing and/or carrying plate, said front and rear boot and/or sole holders being interactable in a
form-fitting manner with mating surfaces or elements on the boot and/or boot sole, said surfaces
or elements firmly fixable on the standing and/or carrying plate, the rear sole holders being

adjustable into a release position counter to the adjustable resistance of a second latching arrangement separate from the first latching device, the front boot and/or sole holders being lockable within a predetermined angle-of-rotation region of the standing and/or carrying plate, at least essentially without affecting the resistance of the first latching device, and being unlocked outside the region of rotation.

12. (currently amended) The ski binding as claimed in claim 11, wherein the further bearing part ~~adjusted~~ is adjustable between a locked position of the base ~~part~~ plate and an unlocked position of the base ~~part~~ plate.

13. (new) A releasable ski binding for a ski boot, the ski boot having a ski boot sole having mating surfaces or elements, said ski boot binding comprising:

a base part having a vertical axis, said base part being mountable on a ski;

a standing and/or carrying plate for the ski boot to be stood upon, said standing and/or carrying plate being mounted on said base part;

a rear sole holder for holding the rear portion of the ski boot sole, said rear sole holder being rotatable on a transverse axis and being attached to said standing and/or carrying plate, said rear sole holder having a rear mating surface for mating with the mating surfaces or element on a ski boot sole;

a front sole holder for holding the forward portion of the ski boot sole, said front sole holder being mounted for rotation on an axis not parallel with the transverse axis of rotation of said rear sole holder, said front sole holder being located on said standing and/or carrying plate and having a front mating surface to mate with the mating surfaces or elements on a ski boot sole;

front sole holder disengagement structure releasable from a set condition for disengaging said front sole holder from a ski boot sole;

rear sole holder disengagement structure releasable from a set condition for disengaging said rear sole holder from a ski boot sole;

a latching assembly having at least one adjustable resistance operably connected to said front and rear sole holder disengagement structures rotationally actuatable for releasing said front sole holder disengagement structure and for releasing said rear sole holder disengaging structure, said front and rear sole holder disengagement structures being independent of each other; and

said standing and/or carrying plate being rotatable about the vertical axis of the base part, counter to one of said at least one adjustable resistance of said latching assembly, wherein:

locking structure for locking said front sole holder within a predetermined angle-of-rotation region of said standing and/or carrying plate without affecting the resistance of said first latching device, and said locking structure increasing the torque for unlocking said front sole holder in response to the rotation of said standing and/or carrying plate outside the predetermined angle-of-rotation region; and

said rear sole holder being releasable into a release position in response to vertical actuation of said latching assembly.

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